

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE CHITRAL EXPEDITION.

LONDON, APRIL 15.—The detachment of Sepoys, which was compelled to retire after crossing the Panjoro River, had crossed in the vicinity of Sado to reconnoitre. During the retreat one British officer was killed and two others were wounded. The casualties among the native troops numbered 17.

The Sepoys became separated from the main body of troops owing to the enemy having destroyed a pontoon bridge across the river by means of enormous logs which they floated down the swollen stream. The Sepoys retired in excellent order, and inflicted heavy loss upon the enemy.

The Khan of Dir, who is friendly towards the British, has sent a force of 2000 men to Chitral to relieve Dr. Robertson, the British agent, and his party.

BRITISH AND FRENCH IN BURMAH.

DELIMITING A BUFFER STATE.

LONDON, APRIL 15.—Much friction has arisen between the British and French members of the commission engaged in delimiting the frontier in Burma, in consequence of the French seeking to establish a military post within British territory.

The British Government has decided to garnish Kiang Tung, in the south-east of Burma, as a measure of precaution.

ENGLAND AND NICARAGUA.

REPLY TO THE BRITISH ULTIMATUM.

LONDON, APRIL 15.—Great Britain lately issued an ultimatum to the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, Central America, demanding the payment of £14,000 for the recent capture of Mr. Hatch, the British Vice-Consul, and also requiring the appointment of a commission to assess damages in respect of the loss caused to British traders through their being expelled from the Mosquito Territory.

The Nicaraguan Government has replied to the British ultimatum, indicating its intention to comply with the demands.

THE REVOLT IN CUBA.

DEFEAT OF THE REBELS.

LONDON, APRIL 15.—A decisive battle has been fought in Cuba between the Spanish troops and the rebels.

The rebels were severely defeated. Two of the revolutionary generals and many officers and men were killed. Large numbers were also taken prisoners.

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The Mikado, who had removed his Court to Hiroshima during the continuance of the war with China, has proceeded to Kyoto in consequence of the outbreak.

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LONDON, APRIL 15.—In connection with the strike in the boot trade an attempt has been made by unionists to burn down a factory at Leicester in which a number of non-unionists had been engaged to take the places of the men on strike.

The design was frustrated owing to the promptitude of the firemen, who succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had made much headway.

THE INCOME TAX IN AMERICA.

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LONDON, APRIL 15.—There is a general movement among the railway companies and the banks in the United States to resist the income tax, which President Cleveland seeks to impose regardless of the decision of the courts of law.

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SECOND EDITION.

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THE INDIAN FRONTIER WAR.

CAPTURE OF UMRA KHAN.

LONDON, APRIL 15.—Colonel Batty, the British officer who lost his life during the retreat of the Sepoy detachment at the Panjoro River, was killed just as the troops had regained the British camp.

The Khan of Dir has captured Dr. Fort and also Umra Khan and his brother Mahomed.

The Khan of Dir will surrender both Umra Khan and his brother to the British.

The pontoon bridge over the Panjoro, which was destroyed by the enemy, has been reconstructed.

SHOCKS OF EARTHQUAKE AT TRIESTE.

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LONDON, APRIL 15.—Severe earthquake shocks have been experienced at Trieste, at the head of the Adriatic Sea. The damage done in the town was only slight.

The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, Central America, proposed the appointment of a joint commission to settle the amount of the indemnity demanded by England for the late outrage upon the British Vice-Consul.

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RECOVERY OF THE BOIES.

MILBOURNE, Monday.—The operation of filling in the lake in the Yarn over the sea sewage tunnel at Spottiswoode, where the disaster occurred, was proceeded with rapidly today and early in the afternoon.

The water in the lake was reduced by pumping. At 8 o'clock this evening the men entered the water and fished the bodies of the four unfortunate men who were killed in the disaster.

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CONVENTION OF THEOSOPHISTS. The new Australian section of the Theosophical Society held its first annual convention at the rooms of the Sydney branch of the T. S., 43 Margaret-street, Wynmarr-square, on Friday, Saturday, and

Sunday last. There are, it appears, 13 branches of the society within the limits of the section, which includes New Zealand and Tasmania, all fully chartered, besides numerous centres of activity and unattached members. All the branches were represented at the convention, and took part in the business discussions and social functions connected with it.

The general secretary in his report upon the section sketched the history of its formation and the results up to date of his tour of inspection of the various branches, which he described as eminently satisfactory. He had noted on all sides a sincere and earnest desire among members and groups on the one hand to increase by study their own knowledge

of the truths of theosophy, and on the other hand to impart the knowledge he possessed to others. This was the first and well-known reason why so many people who were already, without knowing it, practically theosophists who only needed to have the spiritual properties of theosophy explained to them, and to teach each people and to remove existing misapprehensions of the purpose and aims of theosophy, and to make the members of the most important tasks they had before them.

The announcement of the formation of a branch of theosophy in the city of St. Petersburg was made to the members during the secretary's late visit to that city in the month of June, 1905.

On the 12th of June, 1905, the secretary of the St. Petersburg branch, Captain N. A. Gerasimov, at 10 a.m. 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554,

was received with applause. The convention took up the consideration of ways and means, and during the discussion it was stated that nearly all the active work in all the sections of the T. S. was done by voluntary unpaid workers, and that funds were chiefly needed for mere office expenses, rent, printing, postage, and the like. On the second day the

revision and amendment of the provincial constitution of the section was proceeded with and concluded to the satisfaction of all the delegates. Speeches by the delegates were made and the meeting was to an appreciative audience brought the three days proceedings to a termination.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ESTY-MARSH CONCERT COMPANY.
The box plan for the concert at the Town Hall on Saturday, at which Miss Alice Esty, Mme. Enriquez, Mr. Alec Marsh, and Mr. Cunningham will make their first appearance in Australia, will be opened this morning at Paling's. The new English quartet of vocalists are singing as the friends and should

of volunteers offered on the Grand, Gail should arrive here on Thursday. Herr Gerald Vollmar will be the solo instrumentalist and Herr Van Vliet the accompanist at the Katy-March concert.

PATENTS DECLARED TO HAVE LAPSED.
The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States handed down on 4th March, unanimously sustaining the decision of the lower court in the case of the Bate Refrigerator Company against Sulzberger.

is probably (writes a New York correspondent) more far-reaching in its influence and affects a larger amount of property than any decision in the court since the "greenback" cases were disposed of. This decision not only settled the controversy between the parties directly interested, viz., the General Electric Company and the American Bell

Telephone Company on one side and the Westinghouse and the Anti-Bell Telephone Company on the other side, but also disposes of a very large number of other patents which the public have assumed to have expired under the ruling of the lower court, but which would have been revived if the decision of the Supreme Court in this case had been the other way.

way, and it also shortens the life of a great many patents which have not yet actually expired. The decision is against the position taken by the General Electric Company and the American Bell Telephone Company and those associated with them on the appeal, and affirms the decision previously rendered by the United States Circuit Court in the circuit.

This decision terminates three Edison patents for the carbon transmitter owned by the American Bell Telephone Company, by which it hoped to extend its control for 25 years more, as would have been the case if the decision had been in their favour. A considerable number of patents owned by the General Electric Company are also disposed of by this decision.

be found out of the council, saying that continued in St. Louis. The water-

cussion, including Edison's patent on the incandescent lamp, regarding which there has been so much litigation, and also his patent on the "multiple arc" system of distribution, and his patent on the socket for incandescent lamps, which was recently held to be valid by Judge Cox. Probably there has been no case argued before the Supreme Court since

the ship, the *Edison*, left New York at 4.40 p.m., passed Galveston at 4.40 p.m. on the Texas, Sydney, at 10.43 a.m. on the 15th, weather throughout the voyage round.

A GULF LINER IN AN AMERICAN
The ships of the Gulf Line are famous for trade making monthly visits from Liverpool to London with the engines and cargo, and

The war in the outcome of which so many lawyers were interested. The case involved the construction of section 1887 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that "Every patent granted for an invention which has been previously patented in a foreign country shall be so limited as to expire at the same time as the foreign patent, or, if there be more than

one, at the same time with the one having the shortest term, and in no case shall it be in force more than 17 years." Among the patents affected are three issued to the Western Union Telegraph Company on applications filed by Thomas A. Edison, as follows:—Patent 474,281, application filed 27th April, 1877; 474,281 and 474,282, applications filed

LATE CHARTERS
The following charters are reported to

with the Berlin patent now in litigation and which were made in the Patent Office from 1877 to November, 1891, expire at the date of the expiration of the foreign patents. The inventions have been in use since 1878. The Edison inventions were patented in England, France, and Canada in 1877, and in Belgium, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Germany, and the United States in 1878. The Edison inventions were patented in England, France, and Canada in 1877, and in Belgium, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Germany, and the United States in 1878.

and Spain in 1858, and in Russia in 1859. They are now free in foreign countries, and under the construction now given to section 487, are made free in this country. Substantially the decision will affect in the same way the quadruplex telegraph patents which were applied for in October, 1874, and issued 14th December, 1888.

NON-SLIPPERY WOOD PAVEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The greatest drawback, almost indeed the only one of any moment, to our wooden paved streets

As now constructed is their extreme superheated in damp weather. It is a matter of common observation how almost impossible it is for horses to obtain a firm foothold when the blocks have become "greasy" after a slight shower, or during misty weather. Bad as this is here, it is 10 times worse in a climate like that of London. It appears, however,

that a remedy has been found for this serious defect in that city. A Mr. Lewis Clement has invented a non-slipping wood pavement of a very simple and inexpensive character. It consists of preparing the wood blocks before they are laid, by boring a few holes in them, and filling the holes in with a hard-setting substance, composed of crushed stone, bitumen, and sand.

men, and Portland cement. The compound is cleared off level with the surface of the blocks, and when they are laid the roadway is covered with a series of rough spots, which arrest the foot of the horse in any condition of the weather and prevent him slipping. The system, moreover, can be applied to existing wood-paved roadways at a small cost, all

that is necessary being to bore holes in the wood paving and fill them in with the compound. By the adoption of this system of paving the cost of leveling the roads is obviated, and an important saving is thus effected. Early in September last year a trial length of Clements' non-slipping wood paving was laid in Piccadilly, and Mr. Henry Mounsey, TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD,

survivor to the entry of St. James, Westminster, registers under date of 30th January, 1863, that the "paving has stood well up to the present time, and affords a foothold for horses." Could we not give the system a trial in Sydney? I am, &c.,
April 15. J. G. GRIFFIN.

THE CAUSE OF CANCER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I noticed a letter in yesterday's edition of the *Herald* signed by Mr. John Borran, and headed "The Cause of Cancer." In one portion of his

letter Mr. Hergan says: "It is I believe here, or but seldom, found in sheep." I beg to differ from Mr. Hergan in this, also, as I have had a good deal of experience amongst sheep, and I have noticed a very great number of cases of cancer, chiefly in Western Queensland. A large percentage of old sheep die there every year from this disease, the rate of which

is most frequently on the ear, and occasionally on the nose, and when on the latter portion it is generally on sheep that have been fire-branded (the brand probably having been allowed to burn in too deeply). Cancer is very seldom found on young sheep, although I have seen six-tooth wethers affected with it, but it is generally to be seen upon old ewes, those more happy homes, and less hard of suffrage, because women's eyes would see their duties lying round about. Many wrongs have been righted, many let us the Woman's Progress and the present Divorce Act, &c. &c. suffrage which gained us such Acts

being in North-western Queensland kept much longer on the stations for breeding purposes than in New South Wales.

The cause of cancer is very much a mystery yet. Amongst sheep I think it is often caused by their getting their heads bumped against the fences and gates of drafting yards, and by fire-breathing too

doubt remains to be righted, but the many good men joining the Women's League is a guarantee in itself that such see women protected and righted if we help and set our houses in order.

I am, &c.
A MOTHER OF A LARGE FAMILY
WHOM

A new ice velocipede (says the *Gazette*) consists of a frame something like safety cycle, with dropped frame. A skillette to the front fork, and the handgrip between a double skate blade, to the pedals.

lower animals than I leave for doctors to decide, but I know the sheeps are afraid of it, and refuse to shear cancered sheep. I am, &c.,
April 12. CHARLES J. CAMERON.

Trials have been made at London with

a new apparatus for the extraction of teeth by electricity. It consists of an induction coil of extremely fine wire, having an interrupter that can vibrate at the rate of 450 times a second. The patient sits in the traditional armchair and takes the negative electrode in his left hand and the positive in the right. At this moment the operator turns on

a current whose intensity is gradually increased till it has attained the utmost limit the patient can support. The extractor is then put in circuit and fastened on the tooth, which, under the action of the vibration, is loosened at once. The operation is performed very quickly, and the patient feels no other sensation than the pricking produced in the hands

and forearms by the current.—*London Nature*, _____ | tible to side slip.

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